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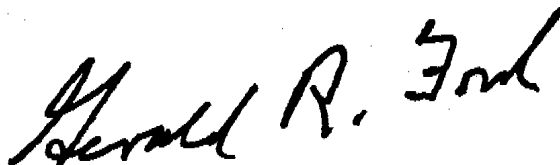
Your Imperial Majesty:

It was a great pleasure to welcome Your Imperial Majesty and Her Imperial Majesty, the Shahbanou, in Washington, and Mrs. Ford and I hope that your stay was an enjoyable one. I was honored to receive on behalf of the people of the United States of America Iran's highest-ranking order, the Order of Pahlavi, First Class, as was Mrs. Ford in receiving the Order of Haft Paykar, First Class. These awards will serve as lasting reminders of the deep friendship that exists between our two peoples.

I appreciated the opportunity which your visit afforded for our personal discussions on matters of common interest to Iran and the United States. I look forward to continued close cooperation with you as we work to insure a better, more peaceful world.

Mrs. Ford joins me in expressing our warmest best wishes to Your Imperial Majesty and Her Imperial Majesty, the Shahbanou.

Sincerely,



His Imperial Majesty
Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
Shahanshah of Iran
Tehran

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members of the royal family and crown princes of foreign nations.

BADGE: First and second class badges are identical, except that the former is of platinum and the the second class, gold. The four crowns of Pahlavi are arranged in the form of a cross. Between each crown are two gold loops joined with a blue enamel

of the Shah, Queen Shahrnashin. The second class is limited to the royal princesses.

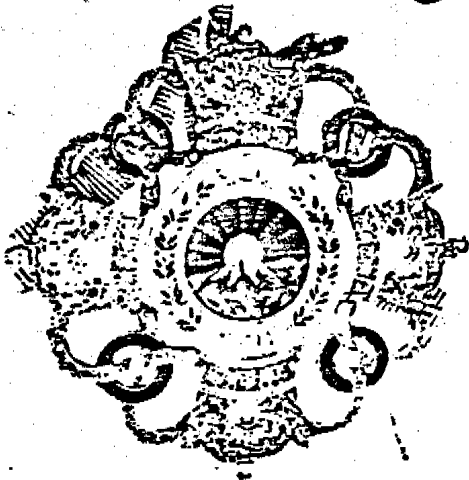


Fig. 703 (Badge) Order of Pahlavi

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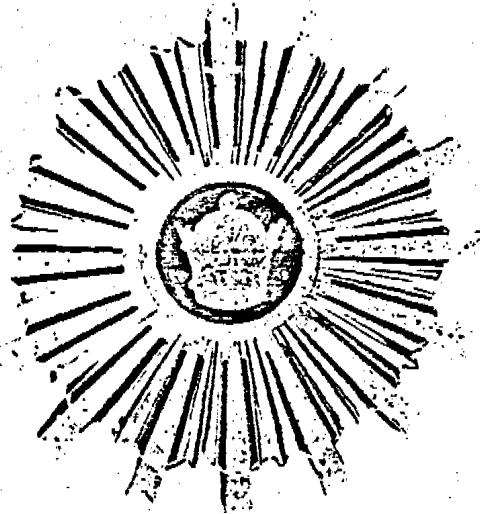


Fig. 705 (Star) Order of Aryamehr (Second Class)

BADGE: Gold, multi-rayed star with 16 swallow-tails, each one covered with diamonds. Center is a gold Pahlavi crown, on a circular blue enamel background, ringed by a circle of diamonds.

STAR: Identical, but larger.

RIBBON: Royal blue worn as a sash terminating in two gold tassels.

ORDER OF HAFT PAYKAR (Order of the Pleiades)

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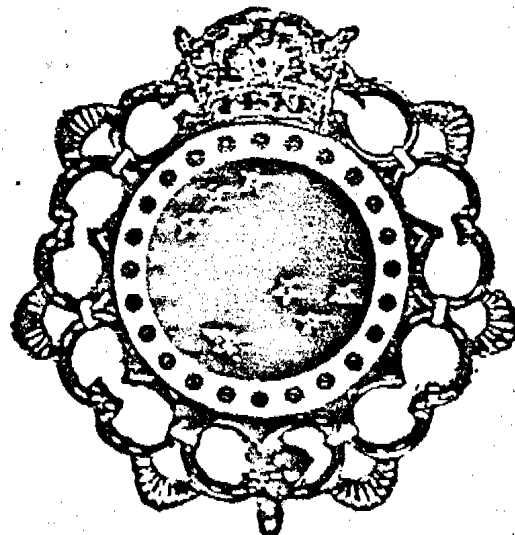


Fig. 704 (Star) Order of Pahlavi

STAR: Same as badge, with the same differences in the metals used, and larger. The loops and rings of the badge which join the four crowns are replaced by five rays. The central ray is blue enamel, and the other four rays are either gold or platinum, depending on the class.

RIBBON: (First Class) Cornflower blue with yellow edges. (Second Class) Darker blue with gold edges.

ORDER OF ARYAMEHR (Order of the Light of Iran)

Founded September 17, 1967, on the occasion of the conferral of the title Aryamehr (Light of Iran) on the Shah. This order comes in two classes, both for ladies. The first class is for the Imperial Majesty, the Empress, and to the daughters of the Shah.

BADGE: First Class: Gold with white enamel, with openwork of gold surrounding the center medallion. The medallion is royal blue and portrays the seven stars of the constellation "Pleiades." Each star is diamond set. Surrounding the medallion is a gold-rimmed, white enamel band with 24 small gold stars topped by the Imperial crown in red enamel.

Second class badge is identical but with silver stars. Third class is the same, except that it is worn on a bow (see under "Sash").

STAR: Identical to badge but larger.

SASH: First class: Light yellow with blue stripes toward each edge, terminating in two gold tassels. Second class: White with light blue stripe toward each edge, terminating in two white tassels. Third class: Colors as second class, but worn as a bow.

ORDER OF THE TAJ (Order of the Crown)

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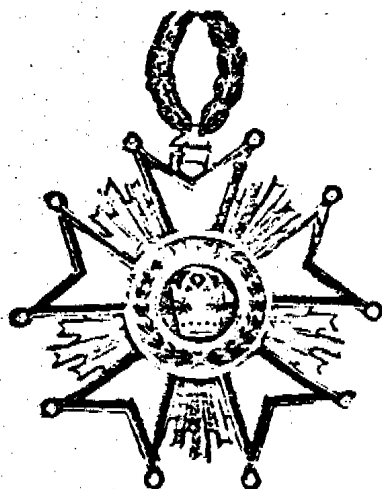


Fig. 707 (Badge) Order of the Taj

BADGE: Ten-pointed, gold-rimmed, green bordered white enamel star, each point tipped with a gold ball. Center medallion is blue and portrays the crown of Iran in natural colors. Surrounding the center medallion is a gold rim on which is a green laurel wreath. Reverse is green enamel and portrays a golden Peacock. No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/05/02 : LOC-HAK-72-3-2-6



Fig. 708 (Star) Order of the Taj

STAR: Obverse of badge, the arms of the cross on which are of faceted silver. The whole is superimposed on a multi-rayed, gold star.

RIBBON: Yellow moire, edged in light blue.

ORDER OF HOMAYOUN (Order of the Lion and Sun)

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Fig. 709 (Badge) Order of Homayoun, Old Type

BADGE: (Old Type): Eight pointed, silver faceted star. Center medallion portrays in natural colors a lion and sun. Right front paw with a rising sun behind his back.

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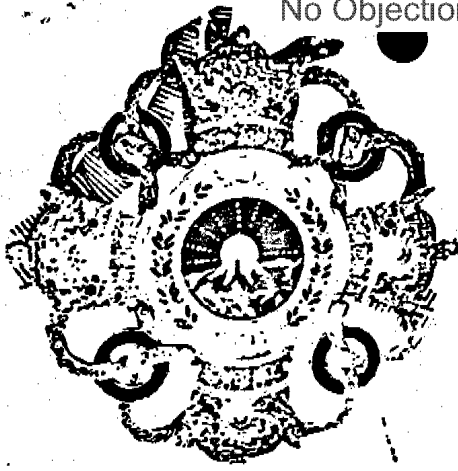


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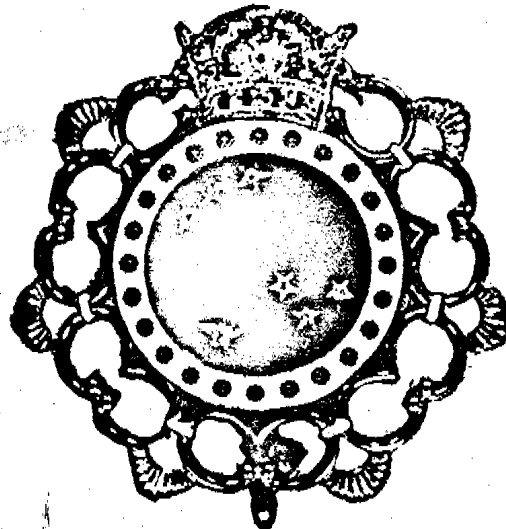


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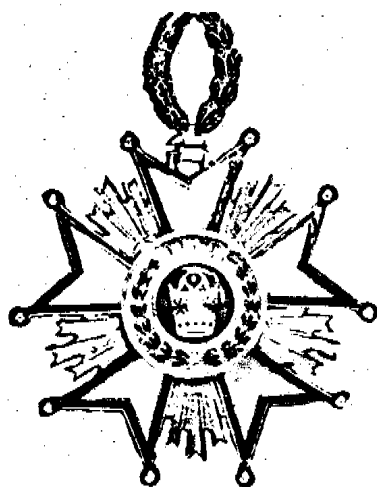


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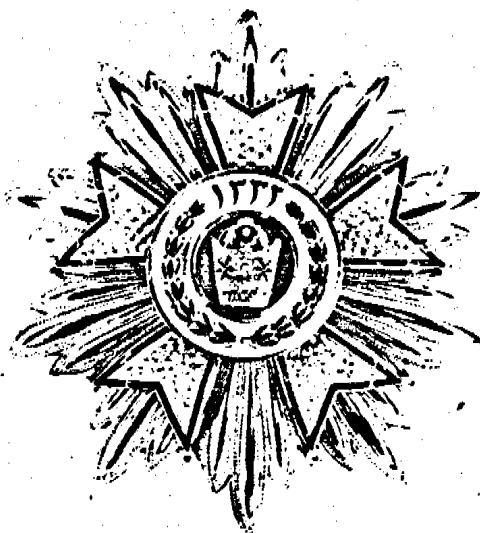


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